

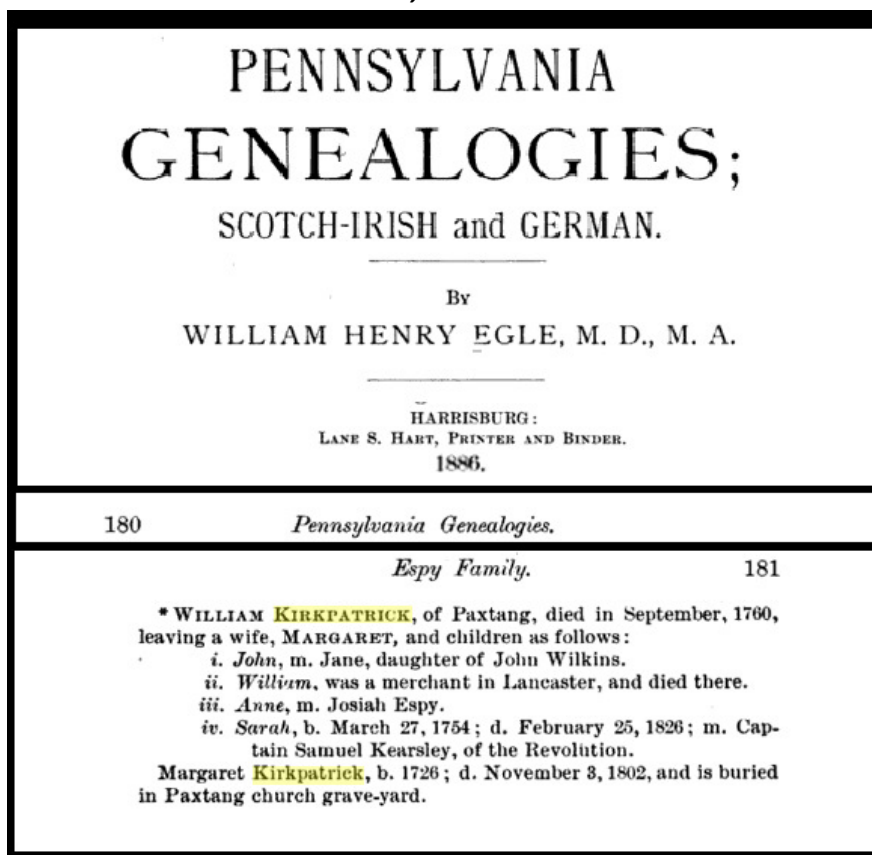
# THE PARENTS OF JOHN HUGH KIRKPATRICK

Several researchers claim the father and mother of John Kirkpatrick were William and Margaret (Waugh) Kirkpatrick of Paxton Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

In the early 20<sup>th</sup> century E. Spears McCollough researched the descendants of John Hugh Kirkpatrick, not a small feat considering the limitations of research at that time. Many have relied heavily of McCollough's research and have, in fact, take it as the last word. Unfortunately, HE relied on the earlier research of the noted Pennsylvania historian, William Henry Engle MD, MA. (1830-1901). Engle wrote over 50 historical and genealogical volumes.

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If one stops their research with this tidbit, they assume John Hugh Kirkpatrick was the son of William Kirkpatrick and Margaret Waugh. Further research by Egle refutes this Assumption.

# NOTES AND QUERIES

## HISTORICAL, BIOGRAPHICAL AND GENEALOGICAL

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of Jacob Keigley, stocking weaver, of Carlisle.  
McCoy, Robert, Esq., m. June 29, 1813, Elizabeth Dunn, dau. of Andrew Dunn, both of Carlisle.  
Martin, Benjamin, m. Oct. 28, 1813, Sally Long, both of Toboyne township.  
McCord, Andrew, Esq., P. M. at Newville, m. Feb. 13, 1814, Miss Davidson, dau. of John Davidson, of West Pennsboro', by Rev. Williams.

**Ann Kirkpatrick 1750-1842.**

The subject of this sketch was born on the banks of the Swatara, on the farm adjoining the present borough of Middletown, January 11, 1750. Her father, William Kirkpatrick, son of Samuel, of Armagh, Ireland, emigrated to America in 1738, became possessed of a large body of land at Middletown, much of which is now owned by the Frey estate, married Margaret Waugh, and died there in 1760, at the early age of 41, leaving a wife, two sons, John and William, and two daughters, Ann and Sarah. He was buried in a picturesque spot on the brow of the hill above his house, overlooking the winding course of the Swatara as it emerges from the bluffs beyond and mingles its waters with those of the broad Susquehanna. His grave was afterwards surrounded by a wall of red sandstone from the neighboring quarries, which incloses a space about sixteen feet square, and it is probable that his son John rests within the same enclosure as no mention of him is made in the settlement of the estate, and tradition has it that one of the children was buried there. At the present moment this spot presents the aspect of a small clump of trees, surrounded by a dilapidated wall, in the center of a cultivated field, and in times gone by, was given a wide berth by the superstitious dwellers in the region around about.

Mr. Kirkpatrick was a man of means and intelligence, and was doubtless somewhat in advance of his age, as he made special provision in his will for the education of his daughters, directing that they be "brought up and trained in a manner suitable to their station," leaving his wife as principal executrix and sole man-

ager of his estate until the youngest child should reach the age of twenty-one, a period, in this case, of about two decades.

Ann was ten years old when her father died, and nine years later she married Josiah Espy, of Hanover township, near Indiantown Gap, where they began house-keeping, but soon afterwards purchased and took possession of the estate in Paxtang, now Susquehanna township, Dauphin county, at present owned in part by the heirs of William Trullinger; here they spent the remainder of their lives, Mr. Espy passing away on the 23d day of July, 1813, and she remaining until May 30th, 1842.

During the Revolutionary War, Mr. Espy, in common with every other able-bodied Scotch-Irishman in Paxtang, devoted much of his time to public affairs, and the fact that he and others who had wives and children were able to do this and at the same time contribute of their substance to the cause, speaks volumes for the energy, ability and patriotism of the women, upon whom rested, very largely, the domestic interests of the community during the struggle for independence. In this respect Ann Kirkpatrick proved herself equal to the situation. The multitudinous affairs of the old time farm establishment were almost as well conducted as when the master himself was at the helm, nor was the education of the children for a moment neglected, especially the shorter catechism side of it, of which it has been said that even the youngest, "tho' scarcely longer than my leg, could screech you off effectual calling as fast as any in the dwelling."

In person Ann Kirkpatrick was of medium height, blue eyes, fair complexion, symmetrical figure and a countenance which betokened intelligence and geniality. Intellectually she was endowed with a memory so astonishing that her husband found it unnecessary to trouble himself with account books, as to minor affairs, relying solely upon her unerring recollection of details. This faculty, coupled with her habit of reading almost every book that came her way, rendered her one of the best conversationalists of her time. During her long widowhood, after her chil-

dren were settled in life, she spent considerable time travelling, chiefly on horseback, visiting friends in Wilkes-Barre, Bedford, Gettysburg, Lewisburg, Lancaster, etc., excursions which required as much time and energy as a trip around the globe in these days of her great-grandchildren, the relation of the "uncos" of which afforded vastly more entertainment to the home people than the stories of the "globe trotters" of to-day. In her later years it was a great treat to make one of a company around the evening fire and listen to her graphic accounts of bygone events. Unfortunately she committed nothing to paper and there was no Boswell among her hearers.

The estimation in which she was held by her contemporaries can be gathered from an obituary notice written doubtless by Rev. James Sharon, from which we quote a few paragraphs:

"Died.—At the residence of her son, in Susquehanna township, Dauphin county, on Monday, the 30th day of May, 1842. Mrs. Ann Kirkpatrick Espy, in the 93d year of her age. Her remains were interred in the Paxton burying ground on Wednesday last. 'And she died in a good old age, full of years, and was gathered to her people.' The brief but appropriate and impressive language of the Bible, used to note the death of an aged patriarch, who lived out his years and God took to himself, is almost all that is necessary to add to the record of this good and venerable lady's decease. Of no disease; of no blast, she died." \* \* \* \* "Her character as a member of society needs no panegyric; it was formed by all those qualities \* \* \* which make up the characters of the truly good. To the largest extent of her means, she was charitable and beneficent; the highest pleasure of her life was in contributing to the comfort and happiness of those who surrounded her. \* \* \* And with so little display was her charity administered that \* \* \* the recipients of her bounty knew not, frequently the hand and the heart from whence the kindness came. \* \* \* Mrs. Espy was the oldest person residing in Dauphin county at her decease, and never resided out of its present limits." \* \* \*

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Also, in looking at William's will, it states that upon his youngest son reaching his majority age of 21 his lands are to be evenly divided with 1/2 for John and 1/2 for William.

*And When  
my Sons, John & William are both come to mature age, I  
Appoint that my lands be divided into two equally valuable  
shares between them & in case either of them die before he  
comes to Mature Age; that the Survivor of them shall possess  
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In July of 1780 Margaret Kirkpatrick deeded the land left in her control by the death of her husband, William, to her son, William (no mention of John) as prescribed by William Sr's Will.

The following excerpts are from Lancaster County Deed R-698. Margaret Kirkpatrick to William Kirkpatrick registered 18 July, 1780:

"---Margaret Kirkpatrick, widow of William Kirkpatrick late of Lancaster County deced.---. William Kirkpatrick was in his lifetime lawfully siezed and possessed of-two contiguous tracts of land situated in Paxton Township in the County of Lancaster---died having first made his last will and testament in writing---(among other things given and devised) did give unto his wife Margaret---. In case my wife remains a widow, she is after my youngest son's maturity to enjoy a suitable house one of my orchards and sufficient grain yearly paid her for her maintenance during her natural life by my Son Son's or daughters possessing my said lands'---by said in part recited will and last testament duly proved and remaining in the Register's Office at Lancaster--- Whereas William Kirkpatrick, the youngest son of the aforesd. William Kirkpatrick, deceased, being now of full age therefore the whole of the said two contiguous tracts or parcels of land are now became and in pursuance of the said recited testament, or Right ought to be the property of the said Wm. Kirkpatrick the surviving son of the said deceased by paying or making full satisfaction to his mother aforesaid.--- On receipt of payment, Margaret Kirkpatrick released, relinquished and quit claimed her rights to the estate to ner son, William Kirkpatrick. She signed the deed on 13 July, 1780.

Since John Hugh Kirkpatrick died in Hawkins / Hamblen Co Tennessee in March of 1812, he could NOT have been the same John named as the son of William Kirkpatrick and Margaret Waugh.

Now, the question remains, *WHO WERE JOHN HUGH KIRKPATRICK'S PARENTS?????*

A clue is his wife's names as Jane (Jean / Janet) Wilkins. This is a proven fact since JHK had named his youngest son *WILKINS* Kirkpatrick from Lancaster Co., PA. A careful search reveals 2 additional candidates for JHK's father. There were 2 Kirkpatricks who died and left wills in West Nottingham Township, Chester Co., PA. This township border's Lancaster Co..

These 2 Kirkpatrick's were John Kirkpatrick (1687-1772) and Hugh Kirkpatrick (ca 1697-1768). In taking a closer look at their wills, both has a son named John. Little is known about Joh, son of John Kirkpatrick except that he was born ca 1718 while John Hugh Kirkpatrick was born in 1741.

Attention was then turned to the John Kirkpatrick named in Hugh Kirkpatrick's will.

In the Name of god Amen, This Twentieth day of March  
Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and sixty six, I Hugh  
Kirkpatrick of West Nottingham Province of Pennsylvania and County of  
Chester, Being very Much Indisposed in Body, But in a perfect mind and  
Memory, I thank to god, therefore calling to mind the Mortality of My Body  
and knowing that it is appointed for all Men once to Die, Do make  
Constitute Ordain and Declare this my last Will and Testament in  
Manner and form following, Revoking Disallowing and Annulling by this  
Made and Declared either by word or Writing and this to be taken only for  
my last will and Testament and no other, and Principally I Recommend my  
Soul unto the Almighty that gave it, and my body to the Earth to be  
Buried in a Christian like and Decent Manner at the Discretion of my  
Executor and as touching such Worldly substance wherewith it hath pleased  
god to bless me with in this life, I Bequeath of the same in the following man-  
ner and form

Imprimis I give and Bequeath to John Kirkpatrick My son all and  
singular my whole Real and personal Estate by him freely and fully to  
be possessed and Enjoyed <sup>for ever</sup> after my Decease

Item Whereas I have already given my son David Kirkpatrick Hugh  
Kirkpatrick ~~William Kirkpatrick~~ Margaret Clinging Habush Barkley  
Elizabeth Nisbet and Mary M<sup>r</sup> Connell their part and portion already and  
Moreover for the good will I have to each of them I do give and Bequeath  
to David Kirkpatrick the sum of five pounds to be paid to him after  
my Decease and Twenty shilling to each of the rest to be paid to  
them and to David the sums herein specified a year after my Decease

Item I order that all my Just Debts by me Contracted for any way  
and my Funerall Charges to be paid by my son John after my Decease  
Item I order and appoint My son John Kirkpatrick my only  
whole and sole Executor of this my last will and Testament, in  
Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, the  
Day and year above Written

Sign'd Seal'd and Delivered  
in presence of

Hugh Kirkpatrick

Rob<sup>t</sup> Girard

James Petterson

Before signing the record for ever  
Interlined

Since Hugh does not name his wife, it can only be assumed she had already died.

Hugh deeded land to his son, John, 205 acres in West Nottingham Tshp, Chester Co., PA on  
October 29, 1765

the nineteenth day of May Anno Domini 1768

Deed  
 Hugh Kirkpatrick }  
 John Kirkpatrick }  
 29 Oct 1765

**This Indenture** made the  
 twentieth ninth day of October in the Year of our Lord one  
 thousand seven hundred and sixty five Between Hugh Kirk  
patrick of the Township of West Nottingham in the County of Chester  
in the Province of Pennsylvania for at present so reputed Yeoman  
of the one part and John Kirkpatrick of the same place Yeoman  
one of the Sons of the said Hugh Kirkpatrick of the other part  
**Whereas** by Virtue and in pursuance of a Warrant from the  
 Commissioners of Property of the late Honorable Proprietary William  
 Penn Esquire late deceased bearing date the seventh day of the  
 first Month 1701 there was surveyed and laid out on the thir  
 teenth day of the third Month 1702 unto one John Richardson  
 a certain tract of Land situate in the said Township of Notting  
 ham bounded and described as follows viz Beginning at a  
corner Slickery Tree of the Proprietaries Land thence by the said  
to North five hundred and six Perches to a corner Gum

Then, after Hugh's death in 1768, on the 26<sup>th</sup> of March 1769 John Kirkpatrick AND WIFE JANE  
 Sell this SAME plot of land. (2 segments of said will)

by John or under him or them or any either of them or all of  
 will warrant & forever defend by their Executors **in Wi**  
**ness** whereof the said John Kirkpatrick & Jane his Wife  
 both interchangeably set their Hands & Seals the Day &  
 Year above written John Kirkpatrick & seal Jane Kirkpa  
trick Seal signed sealed & Delivered in the Presence of us  
William Allen William Haines John Alexander  
Chester Co. March 24. 1769 Then personally appeared  
Alex. Johnston Esq. the abovesaid Jn. Kirkpatrick &  
Jane his Wife & brought with them the abovesaid  
 Indenture & acknowledged the same to be his Act & Deed  
 & desired the same to be recorded as such since the J. Jane  
being of Age & being examined apart was consenting to  
the same Given under my Hand & Seal as above All

Deed  
 John Kirkpatrick & Wif  
 Jacob Reynolds

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 1769

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 Month in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred  
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 & laid out on the thirteenth Day of the third Month in the  
 Year 1702 unto one John Richardson a certain tract of Land  
 situate in the said Township of Nottingham bounded and descri  
 bed as follows viz Beginning at a corner Black Oak

So, considering all the evidence, it is clear that John Hugh Kirkpatrick was NOT the son of  
 William and Margaret (Waugh) Kirkpatrick, but rather the son of Hugh Kirkpatrick who died in  
 1768 in West Nottingham Tshp, Chester Co., PA. – I REST MY CASE